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TAGS: OCON, ECOSOC, EGEN, UN, GW

SUBJECT: EC NORTH/SOUTH GROUP MEETING, JULY 27

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1. HELMUT MATHIAS, MINISTERIALDIRIGENT FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY--FRG FOREIGN OFFICE, CALLED IN ECONOMIC MINISTER TO DISCUSS OUTCOME OF THE EC NORTH/SOUTH GROUP MEETING LAST WEEK IN BRUSSELS. MATHIAS EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON U.S. POSITION TOWARD JAZAIRY'S JULY PAPER CONTAINED REFTEL (A), WHICH HAD BEEN PASSED TO HIM BY USEC BRUSSELS. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT U.S. AND FRG/EC WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONTACT ON GENERAL NORTH/SOUTH QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY ON UNGA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW).

2. MATHIAS SAID THAT EC VIEWS VERY MUCH PARALLELED THOSE OF U.S. AND THAT WHILE HE HAD AT FIRST THOUGHT TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATION OF EC VIEWS IN ALGIERS, HE HAD BEEN PERSUADED IN THE BRUSSELS MEETING THAT A WRITTEN PRESENTATION WOULD BE MORE HELPFUL TO JAZAIRY. WITH WRITTEN EC SUGGESTIONS IN HAND, IT WAS FELT JAZAIRY WOULD BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO CONVINCE THE G-77 THAT GROUP B COULD NOT ACCEPT THE IDEA OF NEGOTIATING AGREED
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CONCLUSIONS IN THE COW ON TRANSFER OF RESOURCES (TOR) OR ON OTHER TOPICS FOR THAT MATTER. MATHIAS ADDED THAT IF THIS MESSAGE COULD NOT BE MADE CLEAR TO THE G-77, HE FELT IT MIGHT WELL SPELL THE END OF THE WHOLE EXERCISE. WITH THIS IN MIND, THE EC GROUP CHARGED MATHIAS WITH PREPARATION OF A LETTER OUTLINING EC VIEWS TO JAZAIRY.

3. LETTER (SENT SEPTEL REF C) IS IN TWO PARTS: A CHAPEAU EXPRESSING GENERAL VIEWS AND CONCEPTS OF THE NINE PLUS AN ANNEX WITH SPECIFIC REACTIONS TO PARTICULAR PARAGRAPHS IN JAZAIRY'S JULY PAPER. FOREIGN OFFICE IS PREPARING FINAL VERSION TO BE POUCHED TO ALGIERS FOR PRESENTATION TO JAZAIRY ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 5. EC HOPE IS THAT JAZAIRY WILL THEN REDRAFT HIS TOR PAPER IN LIGHT

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OF EC AND OTHER COMMENTS, WILL CIRCULATE IT INFORMALLY
TO DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER 4 MEETING (NOT

GIVING IT TO SECRETARIAT FOR DISTRIBUTION), AND PRESENT IT AS A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. THE REPORT WOULD REFLECT A CONSENSUS OF THE DELEGATIONS, BUT WOULD NOT BE A NEGOTIATED TEXT BINDING DELEGATIONS WORD FOR WORD.

4. EC PURPOSE IN THIS PROCEDURE IS TO AVOID FURTHER LENGTHY DISCUSSION AND CHANGES IN THE PAPER DURING THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. THEY BELIEVE THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED IN AN INFORMAL WAY, VIA A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WHICH SUMMARIZES AGREED VIEWS. THE COW COULD THEN GO ON TO DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS ON THE AGENDA.

5. ON THE QUESTION OF A SUCCESSOR FOR JAZAIRY, MATHIAS SAID THE MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE EC GROUP, BUT NO FINAL CONCLUSIONS HAD BEEN REACHED. HE SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION ABOUT GROUP B FOREGOING ITS CLAIM OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP IN THE FUTURE, ON THE OTHER HAND IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT THE BEST TIMING FOR A GROUP B CANDIDATE WOULD BE, AMONG OTHER REASONS BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF GROUP D'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ITS ASSUMING THE CHAIRMANSHIP AT SOME POINT, ALSO BECAUSE THERE WAS NO CLEAR INDICATION AS YET OF G-77 VIEWS.
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